

VONETTA ALEXIS NURSE

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OBJECTIVES

To obtain a position where I can contribute my technical skills, knowledge and experience as a health officer to advance the health and wellness of the Caribbean populous and worldwide

PROFILE

I am a goal-oriented professional with over 15 years of experience in quality control, public health (environmental health, food safety, community development), health promotion and standards development. Demonstrated competence in development of training material for target audiences. I have excellent research, analytical, organizational and interpersonal skills as well as demonstrated leadership and professionalism having represented Jamaica in several capacities both Regionally and Internationally. I am proficient in event planning, Microsoft Office Suite, Graphic designing using Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft Projects as well as having exposure to the SPSS statistical platform.

EDUCATION

Master of Public Health-Health Education/Promotion (MPH-HE/HP)
University of the West Indies, Mona
(2015 – Present - Finalizing)

Research Topic: Use and understanding of sugar-sweetened beverage nutrition labels
among adult consumers in Jamaica

Executive Business Level Courses - Managing Human Resources;
Management in Organizations; Research Methods; Quantitative Methods
University College of the Caribbean
(2013)

Bachelor of Science - Food Chemistry (Hons.)
University of the West Indies, Mona
(1999 – 2001)

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Standards Consultant

Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)

Consultancy to develop a Caribbean-wide Health, Safety and Environmental “clean and green” Standards, Certification and Recognition System to improve health, safety and environmental quality in the hospitality sector

- ♦ Conduct a literature review and develop a report of the existing national, regional and international Hospitality, Health, Safety and Environmental Standards and Guidelines (Sept 2018-present)

Advocacy Officer

Global Health Advocacy Project

- ♦ Manage sensitization and advocacy activities regarding obesity prevention
- ♦ Assist with materials development (TVC, radio, print) and press articles supporting the project
- ♦ Support the production of capacity building communication material for the project programme (2017– present)

Master of Public Health - Health Education/Promotion Intern

Mona Social Services (MSS) — UWI, Mona, Kingston 6

- ♦ *(internship in fulfilment of requirement for MPH-HE/HP degree)*
- ♦ Developed and implemented a community health promotion initiative in Mona Common Community (focusing on nutrition, NCDs and health promoting school)
 - ♦ (June – November 2017)

Technical Services Manager

Quality Systems Solutions & Initiatives — 49 ½ Upper Waterloo Road, Kingston 10

- ♦ Provided consultancy, coaching and training services to local and regional clients against quality and food safety standards including:
 - Implemented food safety and quality system standards for 7 companies in Jamaica and CARICOM Region
 - Consultancy to evaluate and enhance the standards and conformance infrastructure in Belize
 - Consultancy to support the implementation of regional agricultural certification systems the OECS
- ♦ Developed training material and lesson plans for courses offered (2016 – 2017)

Senior Standards Development & Certification Officer

Bureau of Standards Jamaica — 6 Winchester Road, Kingston 10

- ♦ Facilitated the development of Jamaican and CARICOM Regional Standards for labelling, food and health and safety products (stakeholder engagement)
 - ♦ Collaborated with the Ministry of Health for the development of
 - 1) The Public Health Tobacco Control Regulations and
 - 2) Nutritional Labelling requirements for Jamaica

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- ♦ Supervised staff of 4 and trained new employees
- ♦ Involved in annual planning and budgeting activities
- ♦ Conducted quality and food safety audits for clients
- ♦ Maintained Quality and Environmental Management System
- ♦ Country Project Officer (CROSQ IDB/SME Project) - '*Promoting Small and Medium Enterprise competitiveness in the Caribbean through technical standards*' 2008 (2007 - 2016)

Technical Assistant to Principal Consultant

Laos Standardization Project

- ♦ Consultancy for the development of procedures in conformance with the WTO agreements for the Laos Standards Institute (2015)

Quality Assurance Technician

Morrison Lamothe Inc. — Mississauga, Toronto, Canada

- ♦ Monitored HACCP food safety system (frozen foods) (2007)

Quality Assurance & Food Safety Technician

Canada Bread Company — North York, Toronto, Canada

- ♦ Monitored HACCP food safety system (baked products)
 - ♦ Performed chemical and sensory tests/analysis
 - ♦ Trained new employees in food safety(2006-2007)

Food Safety Inspector/Standards & Certification Officer

Bureau of Standards Jamaica — 6 Winchester Road, Kingston 10

- ♦ Performed food safety inspection and audits for client companies
- ♦ Coordinated the National Innovation Awards Programme for popularization of science, technology & standardization among youth
 - ♦ Acting Corporate & International Programmes Officer– maintained international and local affiliations and established new liaisons (2003-2006)

Quality Control Laboratory Analyst

Windsor Laboratories Ltd. — 3 Carifta Ave Kingston 11

- ♦ Monitored Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs)
- ♦ Performed chemical tests and cosmetic product development (2001-2003)

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PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION/TRAINING

- ♦ American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR AED Certification
- ♦ UNICEF online short course - Introduction to Nutrition
- ♦ FSPCA Preventive Controls for Human Foods (PCQI) – Food Safety Preventative Controls Alliance (FSPCA)
- ♦ ISO 9001 Lead Auditor – Professional Evaluation and Certification Board (PECB)
- ♦ Good Manufacturing Practices – QSSI
- ♦ Safe Quality Foods - QSSI
- ♦ ISO 17025 Regional Assessor Training – Jamaica National Accreditation Agency (JANAAC)
- ♦ Regulatory Impact Assessment - United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- ♦ Supervisory Management – Management Institute for National Development (MIND)
- ♦ Project Management - MIND
- ♦ Copy Editing & Proofreading – Caribbean Institute of Media & Communication (CARIMAC)
- ♦ Root Cause Analysis – Perry Johnson Registrars Inc., USA
- ♦ Food Safety Training – United States Food & Drug Administration
- ♦ ISO 9001 Internal Audit – Quality Jamaica Project/Bureau of Standards Jamaica
- ♦ Introduction to the World Trade Organization (WTO) – WTO Online Training
- ♦ World Trade Organization/ Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO/TBT) Enquiry Point Operations –NIST, USA
- ♦ Occupational Health and Safety Lead Auditor Training
- ♦ Thermal Processing in the Food Industry (Better Process Control School) – UWI/ US FDA
- ♦ Standards Development in ISO – ISO/Pan American Standards Commission
- ♦ Implementing Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) – BRI International, Canada
- ♦ Introduction to Quality Auditing – Bureau of Standards, Jamaica

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Prize for sustainable Health Promotion intervention - Faculty of Medical Sciences - Department of Community Health and Psychiatry, Master of Public Health – Health Education/Promotion
(2017)

Member – Labelling Technical Committee (National/Regional)
(2018)

Member - National Food Industry Task Force
(2017 – present)

Chairperson – Editorial Committee of CARICOM Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ)

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(2010 – 2016)

Jamaica's representative - The Technical Management Committee of CROSQ
(2007 – 2016)

Vice Chairperson – Technical Management Committee of the CROSQ
(2010 – 2012)

Facilitator of National and CARICOM Regional Standards Committees –Labelling, Food, Transportable Gas
Containers, Bag drinks
(2007-2016)

Employee of the Year 2009
Bureau of Standards Jamaica

Employee of the Quarter – October 2005
Bureau of Standards Jamaica

COMMUNITY/SERVICE INVOLVEMENT

Health Education Volunteer - Trained counsellors for I'm Glad I'm a Girl Foundation Girl's Summer Camp 2018
Member of the Lions Club of Mona
Vice Chair – Health, Women and Families Committee, Lions Club of Mona
Community Health Promotion – Mona Social Services

REFERENCES

Available on request